



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2009

TO: Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Food Distribution Program Volunteer Recognition

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize the food distribution volunteers for their contribution to neighborhoods and support of the City and Parks and Recreation Department's Mobile Farmer's Market and Mobile Pantry Food Distribution Programs.

DISCUSSION:

In collaboration with the Santa Barbara Food Bank, the Department's Community Centers have been operating the Mobile Farmer's Market and Mobile Food Pantry in the Westside, Lower Westside, and Eastside neighborhoods. These programs, which provide free packaged foods (Food Pantry), fruits and vegetables (Farmer's Market) to low-income residents and seniors, are currently serving over 400 households and benefit over 1,600 family members weekly.

The Mobile Food Pantry monthly distributions are:

- First Tuesday, 3:00 to 5:00 pm, Lower Westside Center, 629 Coronel Place
- Third Tuesday, 3:00 to 5:00 pm, Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 E. Montecito Street

The Mobile Farmer's Market weekly distributions are:

- Monday, 11:00 to 12:00 pm, Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1235 De la Vina Street
- Monday, 11:00 to 12:00 pm, Westside Community Center, 423 W. Victoria Street
- Thursday, 11:30 to 12:00 pm, Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 E. Montecito Street

The success of these Programs are dependent upon a reliable and committed volunteer staff to be available to setup, unload, distribute, and document the service on a weekly basis, while providing residents with positive customer services.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to recognize the dedication and commitment of the following individuals who make the food distribution programs a huge success:

Louise Lowry Davis Center

Harvey Jessup
Robert Duears
Rafael Ramirez

Westside Community Center

Juana Nava
Raquel Mendoza
Gregorio Lopez
Jose Gonzalez
Narciso Gonzalez

Franklin Neighborhood Center

Monica Cong
Nancy Lorenzano
Nayeli Arias
Yuleni Arias
Norma Mares
Ofelia Ortega
Jaime Huerta
Maria Hernandez
Armando Ortiz
Violeta Mares
Catalina Rangel
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Sylvia Anaya
Felix Bustos
Alvaro Suman
Juan Frausto
Alejandro Catalan
Lore Hernandez
Ruth Muñoz

Lower Westside Center

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